

## LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

## The Bill Reducing Certain Coroners' Fees Fails to Pass.

## A Democratic Caucus To-Night on the Metropolitan Police Bill.

## Result of the Committee's Work on the New Apportionment of the State.

## The Testimony Taken in the Knights-town Home Investigation Last Night—Other Notes.

Coroner Stratford was an interested listener to the discussion on the coroners' bill in the House yesterday.

Sensor David telegraphed yesterday that he was now bound at Elkhart and asked that he be excused till to-day. He was excused.

Sensor Campbell's motion bill, providing for the amendment of the coroners' bill, was discussed yesterday and ordered engrossed.

The House has passed the bill legalizing the incorporation of the Union Loan and Savings Association, of this city, which failed to file the necessary articles when organized.

It is rumored that a number of Terre Haute citizens are here to lobby against the passage of the bill prohibiting base ball playing on Sunday. Whether their effort will prove successful remains to be seen.

Representative Loyd, Chairman of the Knights-town Home Investigating Committee, is said to be holding his own with the attorneys who represent the investigated, and his decisions are spoken of very highly on account of their good, common sense and impartiality. Mr. Loyd is an ex-soldier, and there is little doubt but the investigation will be thorough and searching, and at the same time impartial.

The coroners' bill, fixing the per diem at \$4 for the first and \$2.50 for each additional day, with mileage, came up on the third reading yesterday. In the discussion that followed it was shown that but four counties paid more than \$5 per day, and while the bill reduced the salary of four coroners, it really increased the per diem of all the rest. The bill was defeated by a vote of 78 to 5.

Mr. Robertson's bill for the perfect organization of Boards of County Commissioners was defeated in the House yesterday. The bill provides that when a majority of the board are absent from any regular meeting the Sheriff and Auditor shall adjourn the meeting till the next day; the same shall be done the next day if a majority is not present. If on the third day a majority is still absent the Sheriff and Auditor shall proceed to appoint a board from the reputable citizens of the county, and from each unrepresented district.

The Democratic members of the General Assembly will meet to-night in caucus for the purpose of considering the Metropolitan Police bill, whose provisions it is proposed to extend so as to include Terre Haute, Fort Wayne and Lafayette. The people of Fort Wayne are kicking vigorously against the proposed legislation, and Terre Haute is credited with wanting in a very ardent affection for the measure. It is by no means certain that the caucus will endorse the bill. To-morrow night another caucus will assemble to consider the Apportionment bill.

The bill introduced by Mr. Reeves, of Bartholomew, exempting State officers and Prosecuting Attorneys from liability for costs when acting as relators for the State, came up on the third reading. Mr. Adams attacked the bill vigorously, declaring if the bill becomes a law, the State can sue a citizen, make him pay costs and though the suit is decided in his favor, he could not recover costs. He thought this was wrong, as the State is as able to pay costs as any of her citizens. He thought there should be a provision for paying the costs out of the general fund. Mr. Reeves defended the measure, saying that the law requiring the Attorney General to pay costs when acting as relator for the State, naturally prevented him from bringing suits except in such cases where there was absolutely no doubt. The bill was defeated.

THE KNIGHTSTOWN HOME INVESTIGATION. The committee investigating the affairs of the Knights-town Home had a number of witnesses before it last night and a good deal of testimony was taken. Miss Hattie Robertson, a soldier's orphan, lately discharged from the Knights-town Home, testified that on the 1st day of last July she was on the train from Knightstown, and upon entering the depot in this city Mr. Goar entered the train and recognized her. Next day he called at her home and asked her to accompany him in his buggy to the Grand Hotel to see his wife. She complied and went to the hotel and entered the hotel from the Maryland street entrance, and went to a room which she identified as No. 6. She said that Mr. Goar, against her will, took her upon his lap and took liberties with her person. She told him she was not well and he insisted upon her promise that she would call at a neighbor's store. The door was then unlocked, and Mr. Goar and the witness entered the buggy and drove to the New York Store, where he purchased her a jersey for five dollars, and had the same changed to the State. The hotel register was introduced and showed that Goar was registered there from June 30 to July 1, and had room No. 6. The committee have a bill showing that a jersey was purchased at the New York Store on the date given, and that the same was changed to the State as alleged.

William Housen testified that he was a detective at the Grand Hotel; that about the last of June or the first of July he saw Mr. Goar drive to the entrance of the Grand Hotel with a lady; that Goar entered the hotel and the lady remained seated in the buggy till he returned, when they drove out on Maryland street. When questioned as to how he remembered these facts he could give no reason whatever why he remembered the date.

W. G. Elliott, clerk at the Grand Hotel, testified that on the 1st day of July Mr. Goar came up to the Maryland street entrance with a lady in the buggy; that he got out and passed through the lobby, but that the lady did not accompany him. The weather being warm and Mr. Elliott's sundress near to dark, could plainly see the buggy in front, and was positive that the lady did not enter the house.

Miss Susan Ray Wilson was also a witness, and testified that the affairs of the Home were poorly managed, being without system or discipline, and that Dr. White was wholly incompetent. She stated that she was Superintendent of the Home, and was every wrong in twenty-four hours. Upon

being asked how she would reform the institution, she said, "by discharging the tattle-tales." When asked who she would discharge, she said Dr. White, the matron, and one or two others. Another witness said her method of reforming the institution would be by discharging the same persons. The committee will meet again at 7:30 this evening.

THE APPOINTMENT BILL. Representative Patten's Apportionment bill was discussed by the committee last night till a late hour, and several important changes have been made in the original bill. On the Congressional apportionment Jefferson County is taken from the Fourth District as in the original bill and placed in the Third; Fayette is taken from the Sixth and put into the Fourth; Howard changed from the Eleventh to the Sixth; Cass and Carroll from the Tenth to the Ninth; Tippecanoe from the Ninth to the Tenth; Fulton from the Tenth to the Eleventh.

The changes in the Senate apportionment are as follows: Pulaski, Jasper, Benton and Newton to Pulaski; Jasper, Benton and Warren; Lake and Porter to Porter; Lake and Newton; Warren and Fountain to Fountain and Montgomery. The changes in Representatives are quite numerous and embrace the following: Joint from Posey, Vanderburg and Warrick to Knox, Gibson and Vanderburg; Morgan, Monroe and Brown to Monroe and Brown; Brown and Morgan to Morgan; the float from Elkhart, Noble and DeKalb to DeKalb, Noble and Whitley; Marshall, Kosciusko and Whitley to Elkhart, Kosciusko and Whitley; Pulaski and Fulton to Fulton; Laporte and Starke to Laporte, Starke and Pulaski; Orange, Lawrence and Dubois to Dubois and Lawrence; Dubois and Martin to Martin and Lawrence.

The changes by the committee give the Democrats one Senator and the Republicans two Representatives more than the original bill.

THE VISIT TO BLOOMINGTON. The Senate Committee on Education visited the State University at Bloomington yesterday. The Senatorial party consisted of Senators Faulkner and daughter; Duncan, of Tipton, and wife; Duncan, of Brown; George F. Feltz and Nicholas Enslay; and Representative S. V. Hopkins, of Wabash; the Minute Clerk of the Senate, J. S. West, and wife; Professor S. P. Neidigh, Dr. A. W. Braxton, Professor J. B. Roberts, and Professor W. W. Grant, of this city.

After inspecting the new buildings east of the city the chilled yet cheerful party returned to a splendid banquet at the Orchard House at 1 o'clock. The college chapel was brightly well filled by the expectant multitudes of Bloomington who favored the old day and an appropriation, and these interested friends of the university were addressed by President David S. Jordan, Senators Duncan, Feltz and Enslay, Mr. Hopkins, Professor Grant, Professor Roberts, Dr. Braxton and Hon. R. W. Myers, all of whom extolled the university, particularly her faculty, and, after suitable recognitions of her needs and wants, useful and worth, paid glowing eulogiums upon Bloomington and Monroe County generally. The speakers were all quite happy in their expressions, and were rapturously applauded. Senator Faulkner's speech was quite lengthy, occasioned by the fact that the applause with which many of his utterances were received encouraged him to go on. Professor Grant's speech was a marvel of elegance and purity of diction, and at once made him a prime favorite, while Dr. Braxton and Professor Roberts also handsomely supplemented the excellent remarks of the Senate. The party returned to the city at 6 o'clock.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

A. J. Cranor, Winchester; Warren Bigler and lady, T. E. Whitesides and wife, Wabash; H. L. Wallace, Tipton; J. L. Wagner, Terre Haute; U. V. O'Down, Cloverdale, are at the New Occidental.

H. T. Ramsey and wife, Crawfordsville; W. E. Higgins, Laporte; Judge Geo. A. Bicknell, New Albany; J. M. Anos, Rushville; Mrs. A. J. Kelly, Terre Haute; T. H. Doran, Michigan City; J. M. Graham, Muncie; S. W. Druggen, Franklin; Will A. Greer, Aurora; Chas. A. Munson, H. G. Colerick, Fort Wayne; James R. Overman, Mitchell, are at the Grand Hotel.

At the Bates House: E. P. Huston, Evansville; C. W. Lamb, C. Fairbanks, J. H. Baker, D. W. Henry, G. W. Davis, James Fitzpatrick, J. D. Earley, W. P. Jiams, F. F. Keith, J. M. Sankey, D. B. Glazebrook, Terre Haute; W. E. Niblack, Vincennes; J. F. Ballard, Columbus; E. Henderson, Martinsville; A. J. Higgins, Shelbyville; G. W. Findley, W. V. Huston, Bedford; M. S. Well, Rochester; C. W. Booth and wife, Bloomington; J. Josephs, Jr., W. Booth, Ban Booth, Noblesville; W. B. Crist, Clay City.

## The Supreme Court.

The following cases were decided in the Supreme Court yesterday:

12,022. George W. Paul et al. vs. Isaac Davis. Montgomery C. C. Affirmed. Elliott, J.

12,021. John E. Humphries, administrator, vs. Isaac Davis, Montgomery C. C. Affirmed. Elliott, J.

11,770. Leander Bond vs. Evansville and Terre Haute Railroad Company. Knox C. C. Affirmed. Zollars, C. J.

11,655. Samuel Dugle vs. the State of Indiana. Ohio C. C. Reversed. Niblack, J.

The following cases were dismissed:

11,784. Samuel Dailey et al. vs. Amos C. Wells. C. C.

11,908. George Anthony et al. vs. Henry McCullick. Wells C. C.

10,420. John F. Osborn vs. Jesse Trueblood. Martin C. C.

12,016. James N. Johnson vs. Mary E. Goshaw. Posey C. C.

10,557. William A. Rogers et al. vs. Travelers' Insurance Company. Monroe C. C.

11,911. I. and St. L. Railway Company vs. Isaac C. Calvert. Vigo C. C. Cause reinstated. Zollars, C. J.

11,717. John E. Humphries vs. Isaac Davis. Montgomery C. C. Petition for rehearing overruled. Zollars, C. J.

10,970. Nettie Deputy vs. Mary Mooney et al. Jackson C. C. Cause reinstated. Zollars, C. J.

11,591. The C. H. and I. Railroad vs. Daniel W. Butler. Franklin C. C. Certiorari granted. Zollars, C. J.

## The Weather.

For the twenty-four hours ending at 12 o'clock the change in temperature was 14 degrees, making a change of 38 degrees since 12 o'clock Sunday night. At 6 o'clock yesterday morning the mercury registered 7.2 degrees below zero, and it continued below throughout the day, moderating but 3.4 of a degree, and falling only 1.2 degrees at 10 o'clock last evening. There was a slight snow fall during the day, but the weather was too cold for much snow. At 6 o'clock in the morning the wind blew twelve miles an hour and increased to sixteen miles at 2 o'clock, but fell to ten miles at 10 o'clock,

and was rapidly falling. The sky was clear during the evening, and there is reason to believe that the worst of the blizzard is past. The cold wave signal was cleared at 10 o'clock in the morning, and the fact that the wind was from the west during the day would indicate some tolerably fair weather to-day and to-morrow, provided it does not conclude to re-assert Sunday and Monday's performance in a Wednesday matinee.

## Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were recorded Tuesday, February 10, as reported by Steeg & Bernheimer, abstract compilers, 12 and 13 Thorpe Block. Telephone, 1005:

John E. Fowler and wife to Michael M. Spades, warranty deed to part of the south half of section 8, township 14, range 3 east—containing 320 acres more or less; also all of that part of the northwest quarter of section 8, township 14, range 3 east, lying south of White River, containing 20.10 acres more or less; also all that part of section 1, township 14, range 3 east, lying east of White River, containing 20 acres more or less. \$2,600 00

William Beauford and wife to Annie M. Leary, warranty deed to lot 48, in Allen & Root's addition to the city of Indianapolis. 730 00

William Wallace and wife to Annie S. Buchanan, warranty deed to lot 18, in Hall Place addition to the city of Indianapolis. 421 00

Isaac Kahn and wife to Eliza M. Corder, warranty deed to lot 8 in Wm. Braden's subdivision of Bret, Braden & Co.'s addition to the city of Indianapolis. 550 00

David F. Swann, administrator to John J. Smith, administrator's deed to lots 27 and 28, in block 40, in Joe Burton's North Indianapolis addition. 53 00

John C. New executor, to Andreas Tancor, executor's deed to lots 18, 19 and 20 in square 16, in the city of Indianapolis. 300 00

Nancy R. Hawk and husband to Helen M. Hatfield, warranty deed to lot 17 in Ingram Fletcher's subdivision of Ingram Fletcher's Oak Hill addition to the city of Indianapolis. 100 00

Robert A. Klesner to Rosina Klesner, warranty deed to lot 18 in Russell's subdivision of block 129 in the city of Indianapolis. 2,500 00

Conveyances. S. consideration. \$25,678 00

## The Hinks.

At the Meridian Rink last night the spectators were entertained in a merry manner by the young men who participated in the three-legged race. Messrs. Murphy and Dietrich were the winners. It has been decided to give another race of this character at an early date. Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings the Columbus, O. Polo Club will meet and cross clubs with the Meridian team. Three exciting games may be expected.

In yesterday morning's paper appeared a notice of the "Benevolent Society" which will take place at the "Vigilant Rink" next Friday evening. The intelligent composer, anxious to improve a little upon the copy, made it read Meridian instead of Wigwam, which was all wrong, as it is the Wigwam that gives the next party. Active preparations are making and indications point to a general good time and a grand success in every particular.

## Local Courts.

## SUPERIOR COURT.

Room 1.—Hon. N. B. Taylor, Judge. Elizabeth J. Ficus vs. Thomas Ficus. Divorce granted plaintiff. Eight hundred dollars alimony.

Room 2.—Hon. D. W. Howe, Judge. Edward Whitlock, et al., executors, vs. Charles Soehner, Jr. Notes. Judgment for \$1,628.00.

Room 3.—Hon. Lewis C. Walker, Judge. David D. Long, administrator vs. the C. I., St. L. and C. Railway Company. Damages. On trial by jury.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

Room 4. C. C. Ayres, Judge. In the assignment of Moses Rosenthal, On trial by the Court.

## Clothing for the Poor.

There is further need of clothing for the poor. Clothing bags will be distributed in the northeast part of the city, beginning Thursday, and will be collected during the following week. Anyone who has worn clothing to spare who is not called upon can leave it at the Benevolent Society room or it will be called for. The clothing collected is cut over and repaired, and is thus made more valuable. The Clothing Committee has given work to the amount of \$1 a week to a number of women. New hands are taken up into underclothing. Every little helps in making more comfortable those who suffer this winter as never before.

## Mr. Cobb's New Enterprise.

Mr. Joseph E. Cobb, a popular and well known local journalist for the past eight years, has taken an interest in the Evening Minute, which will be enlarged on Monday next to double its present size, and will be published with Mr. Cobb as managing editor, E. T. Hamner associate editor, and C. L. Devine business manager. The Minute is to be printed quarto size, and the promise is that it will retain its novel features and neat typographical appearance. Under the editorship of Mr. Cobb it is likely to become a popular and enterprising one-cent paper.

## The Outcome of a Scuffle.

Eugene Maloney while scuffling with another employee at Bowen & Stewart's yesterday, received a cut in the back of the neck with a paper knife that caused the blood to flow freely. Both boys were badly frightened and medical aid was summoned, but the injury proved not to be a serious one.

## She Never Spoke to Her Father.

A recent number of the Lancaster (Pa.) New Era contained an account of the sudden death of Mrs. George W. Sensesich, of Beartown, in the extreme eastern end of the country. No one was present to witness the death but Mrs. Sensesich's daughter, who for twenty-five years has refused to talk to or with anyone but her mother and two sisters. George W. Sensesich, the proprietor of a livery on the old Downing town turnpike between the township line of East Elletts and Caernarvon, married Miss Elizabeth Kurtz, from which union there were three children, all daughters. Lydia, the oldest, is married to James Emery, of Salisbury; Harriet is the steamed wife of Levan W. Sensesich of Beartown; Emma, the youngest, and the subject of this sketch, has lived with her mother. She is about thirty years old, and during the time never spoke to anyone but her mother and two sisters until a few days since, when her mother fell ill and died in her presence. She afterward related the circumstances to several ladies, and has since spoken to many others.

She went to school, but refused to recite any lessons, and seemed as mute as if she was unable to speak. Nevertheless she acquired a very fair education. She attended church regularly, and was a consistent member at Beartown. She went into society, seemingly enjoyed it very much, and when spoken to by the only answer she would receive was a smile. She had a special aversion of men.

Many a one thought that she must talk and smile in efforts to get a reply. It is said that when quite small her father trapped her with gold pieces if she would open a word to him, but it was useless. Four years ago her father died after a lingering illness, and she constantly attended him with the kindest care, but not one word would she speak to him to console him. The case is at present the talk of the entire eastern end of the county.

## Common Sense on the Railroad Question.

(Evening Post.)

The efforts of the joint traffic pool, of which the N. & W. is the respectable and hard-working chief, have been a prolonged fight against natural law. The attempt, to apportion the railway traffic of the country among certain lines upon any other plan than that of open competition is sure to fail sooner or later. It may work more or less satisfactorily a few years, but it will break down in the end. The very success which attended it at the beginning led to the building of the Nickel Plate, the Lackawanna, and the West Shore lines. The disastrous consequences of these new undertakings will probably prevent any further investigations of the kind for some time to come, but whatever increased traffic makes the existing lines once a ore profitable and the pool ones more servile, it may look for a fresh incursion into the territory now controlled by it, unless the law making power intervenes and puts a halt upon railroad construction. This law making power is not likely to do.

## Poorly Rewarded for Its Faithfulness.

(Harper's Weekly.)

When nearing Montreal the engineer of a Grand Trunk train saw a great dog standing on the track and barking furiously. The engineer blew his whistle, yet the hound did not budge, but crouching low, was struck by the locomotive and killed. Some pieces of white material on the engine attracted the engineer's notice; he stopped the train and went back. Beside the dead dog was a dead child, which, it is supposed, had wandered on the track and gone to sleep. The poor watchful guardian had given its life for its post, a victim to duty.

## Ethics Assurance.

(Philadelphia Telegram.)

Evidently ex-Manager E. Kins, who so ably assisted Mr. Chairman Jones in running the Republican party into the mire, considers himself a professor of ethics. He has "kind words," hence his kindly interest, as reported in the construction of the new Cabinet. Mr. Ekins is particularly desirous that Mr. Cleveland shall "make no mistake" in the matter of the Secretaryship of the Interior. The ex-Manager's assurance under the circumstance is colossal.

## They Will Be Discreet.

(New York Sun.)

We may safely trust to the self-interest of the banks not to precipitate a silver crisis. Legislation on the subject would alarm the public, and thus do more harm than good. Only we beg that the banks be not so prevalent institutions, to be fostered at the public expense, to disabuse their minds of the idea. Banks are organized and conducted to make salaries for their officers and dividends for their shareholders.

## Tittle for the Bill.

(Savannah News.)

It is proposed in Texas to make drunkenness sufficient ground for divorce. The bill introduced in the Legislature to that effect ought to be headed: "A bill to be enacted so as to encourage divorces and drunkenness."

## Cheerful Business.

(Courier-Journal.)

The Nashville World is complaining of the great cost of burying dead Congressmen. No money is more cheerfully paid by the taxpayer than that which goes to bury a Congressman.

## Rheumatism Quickly Cured.

There has never been a medicine for rheumatism introduced in this State that has given such universal satisfaction as Duran's Rheumatic Remedy. It stands out alone as the one great remedy that actually cures this dread disease. It is taken internally and never has and never will cure the worst case in the shortest time. It has the endorsement and recommendation of every leading physician in the State and elsewhere. It is sold by every druggist at \$1. Write for free forty-page pamphlet to R. K. HELPHENSTINE, Druggist, Washington, D. C.

## Advice to Mothers.—MRS. WINSLOW'S

SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once. It produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for diarrhea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

## SOCIETY NOTICES.

MASONIC—A. A. A. SCOTTISH RITE—Seventh Council, P. of J. Meeting this (Wednesday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. Work, Fifteenth and sixteenth degrees.

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